

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for bar code-based electronic commerce, comprising the steps of:
 - 2 (a) receiving a representation of a bar code at a terminal from a user, wherein the
 - 3 representation of the bar code is obtained by scanning a bar code of an item;
 - 4 (b) presenting information relating to obtaining the item on a display of the
 - 5 terminal;
 - 6 (c) receiving input from the user in response to the presented information, wherein
 - 7 the user input is for obtaining the item.
- 1 2. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the item is a rental item, wherein the
- 2 information presented includes rental information.
- 1 3. A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the user input includes payment
- 2 information for paying a rent of the rental item.
- 1 4. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the item is a product, wherein the
- 2 terminal dispenses the product upon receiving payment information from the
- 3 user.
- 1 5. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the item is a product, wherein the
- 2 terminal dispenses a ticket upon receiving payment information from the user,
- 3 wherein the ticket is exchanged for possession of the product.
- 1 6. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the item is a product, wherein the
- 2 product is sent to the user after receiving payment information from the user.

1 7. A computer program product for bar code-based electronic commerce,
2 comprising:
3 (a) computer code for receiving a representation of a bar code at a terminal from a
4 user, wherein the representation of the bar code is obtained by scanning a bar
5 code of an item;
6 (b) computer code for presenting information relating to obtaining the item on a
7 display of the terminal;
8 (c) computer code for receiving input from the user in response to the presented
9 information, wherein the user input is for obtaining the item.

1 8. A computer program product as recited in claim 7, wherein the item is a rental
2 item, wherein the information presented includes rental information.

1 9. A computer program product as recited in claim 8, wherein the user input
2 includes payment information for paying a rent of the rental item.

1 10. A computer program product as recited in claim 7, wherein the item is a product,
2 wherein the terminal dispenses the product upon receiving payment information
3 from the user.

1 11. A computer program product as recited in claim 7, wherein the item is a product,
2 wherein the terminal dispenses a ticket upon receiving payment information
3 from the user, wherein the ticket is exchanged for possession of the product.

1 12. A computer program product as recited in claim 7, wherein the item is a product,
2 wherein the product is sent to the user after receiving payment information from
3 the user.

1 13. A system for bar code-based electronic commerce, comprising:

2 (a) c logic for receiving a representation of a bar code at a terminal from a user,
3 wherein the representation of the bar code is obtained by scanning a bar code of
4 an item;
5 (b) c logic for presenting information relating to obtaining the item on a display of
6 the terminal;
7 (c) c logic for receiving input from the user in response to the presented information,
8 wherein the user input is for obtaining the item.

1 14. A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the item is a rental item, wherein the
2 information presented includes rental information.

1 15. A system as recited in claim 14, wherein the user input includes payment
2 information for paying a rent of the rental item.

1 16. A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the item is a product, wherein the
2 terminal dispenses the product upon receiving payment information from the
3 user.

1 17. A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the item is a product, wherein the
2 terminal dispenses a ticket upon receiving payment information from the user,
3 wherein the ticket is exchanged for possession of the product.

1 18. A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the item is a product, wherein the
2 product is sent to the user after receiving payment information from the user.